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1. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 14, DR. KLIKS WAS ABLE TO SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH PRINCESS MOUNE, PRINCE MANGKHALA, AND PRINCE PANYA TO EXPLAIN THE SEVERITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ILLNESS. KLIKS POINTED OUT THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER'S LIFE. THEY AGREED THAT KLIKS AND DR. ISARA (THAI CARDIOLOGIST), SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WERE NECESSARY. AT AN 1830 MEETING, THE MEDICAL TEAM BRIEFED PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG ON THE AGREED UPON EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES; THE FOUR LAO DOCTORS ARE TO MONITOR SOUVANNA DURING THE NIGHT, DETERMINE WHEN A CRISIS ARISES, AND NOTIFY DRS. KLIKS AND ISARA WHEN EMERGENCY TREATMENT IS NEEDED. DRS. KLIKS AND ISARA WILL BE IN COMPLETE  
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CHARGE FROM THAT POINT. SOUPHANOUVONG OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN BRIEFED

BY MANGKHALA, AND HIS APPARENT INTEREST IN THE BRIEFING AND MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE FOR HIMSELF THE DEGREE OF COMPETENCE AND COOPERATION AMONG THE TEAM MEMBERS. HE APPEARED SATISFIED.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AS OF 2400 JULY 14:  
A REPEAT ELECTROCARDIOGRAM AT 1800 HOURS SHOWED SINUS RHYTHM AT A RATE OF 100 WITH NORMAL AV CONDUCTION. THERE WAS NOW APPARENT FOR THE FIRST TIME ST SEGMENT ELEVATION IN THE INFERIOR LEADS WITHOUT Q WAVES. THE PREVIOUS PATTERN OF EXTENSIVE ANTERIOR MI CHARACTERIZED BY T WAVE INVERSIONS IN LEAD I AND AVL; QS COMPLEXES IN LEADS V1 THROUGH V4 AND ST SEGMENT COVING IN V5 AND V6 ARE UNCHANGED. SINCE SOUVANNA HAD INTERMITTENT LEFT UPPER ABDOMINAL PAIN DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON ASSOCIATED WITH A TEMPERATURE OF 37.8 DEGREES CENTIGRADE AND DIAPHORESIS, THE CLINICAL ASSESSMENT IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT EKG WAS THAT HE MAY HAVE AN INFERIOR WALL EXTENSION OF THE INITIAL MI.

3. A PORTABLE CHEST X-RAY MADE AT THE BEDSIDE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON SHOWED NORMAL PULMONARY VASCULARITY. THE CARDIAC CONTOUR IS PROMINENT, BUT NOT UNEXPECTED FOR THIS PROJECTION.

4. SOUVANNA WAS BEGUN ON ORAL TETRACYCLINE (HE IS PENICILLIN ALLERGIC) AND AN EXPECTORANT.

5. AT 2000 HOURS, SOUVANNA WAS MOVED FROM HIS OWN BED TO A HOSPITAL BED WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO HIS ROOM IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EASY ACCESS TO HIM. A MORE SECURE INTRAVENOUS ROUTE WAS ESTABLISHED WITH AN INTRACATH WHICH REPLACED A NUMBER 21 SCALP VEIN. THERE WAS HESITANCY ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE PHYSICIANS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF A CENTRAL VENOUS PRESSURE CATHETER BECAUSE OF ITS CONSEQUENT PROXIMITY TO THE HEART.

6. RE-EXAMINATION AT 2330 HOURS REVEALED BILATERAL MEDIUM END-INSPIRATORY RALES OVER BOTH LUNG FIELDS POSTERIORALLY. HE WAS THEN GIVEN 40 MIOLOGRAMS OF FUROSEMIDE INTRAVENOUSLY. THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED AT 2400 HOURS, AND HIS RESPONSE IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

7. FOLLOWING THE 1830 MEETING, PRINCE PANYA INFORMED EMBOFF THAT A TEAM OF TWO FRENCH CARDIOLOGISTS AND THREE RUSSIANS IS ARRIVING JULY 15 AND ASKED THE MISSION TO PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT TO FLY THEM  
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FROM BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE. WE WILL DO SO. THE NEWCOMERS' ARRIVAL WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE THE ALREADY DIFFICULT MANAGEMENT OF THIS CASE. THERE ARE LIMITS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGIAL APPROACH TO MEDICAL PRACTICE AND WE MAY BE REACHING THEM.  
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